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Mr. Commissioner:

The applicant, Jeffery A. Westendorp of 694 Marylane Drive, Holland, MI 49423 USA, for the herewith filed Plant Patent Application entitled "HOSTA PLANT NAMED 'INDEPENDENCE'" respectfully requests the acceptance of Issue and Publication fees and recording of the accompanying assignment.

The applicant, Jeffery A. Westendorp, as of March 16, 2006 have conveyed my entire right, title and interest in this Application No. 10/849,720 and of any and all resulting patents resulting from this application to the corporation Walters Gardens, Inc. of 1992- 96th Avenue, Zeeland, MI 49464-0137.

The original assignment document and cover sheet concerning only the Plant Patent Application entitled "HOSTA PLANT NAMED 'INDEPENDENCE'" filed on May 20, 2004, Application No. 10/849,720, Art Unit 1661, Docket No. HSIND 1.1 has been filed and sent to Mail Stop Assignment Recordation Services for recordation as set forth in 37 CFR § 3.11.

Assignee, Walters Gardens, Inc. hereby establishes the right to prosecute this application as per 37 CFR § 3.73(b) according to the documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original owner to the assignee as noted in the accompanying ASSIGNMENT. Please send any and all future correspondence concerning this patent and request to record the document to: Walters Gardens, Inc., Attn: Clarence H. Falstad, III, 1992-96th Avenue, PO Box 137, Zeeland, MI 49464-0137 USA.

Respectfully,

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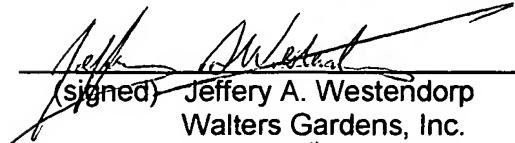
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